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SUBJECT: GERMAN PRESS REACTION TO GISCARD'S PRESS  
CONFERENCE

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1. SUMMARY. WHILE GERMAN NEWSPAPERS OF LATE LAST

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WEEK IN GENERAL REPORTED ABOUT GISCARD D'ESTAING'S

INVITATION FOR AN EC SUMMIT MEETING THIS YEAR  
AND AN OIL CONFERENCE EARLY NEXT YEAR IN A FACTUAL  
AND SOBER WAY, SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT THE USEFULNESS  
OF SUCH CONFERENCES AND THE POSSIBILITIES OF A  
NEGATIVE OUTCOME HAVE LEAD THE PRESS TO MAKE  
INDIFFERENT, IF NOT NEGATIVE COMMENTS. END SUMMARY

2. ORIGINAL REPORTING FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON GISCARD'S  
DRAWING OF A "GLOOMY PICTURE" OF THE WORLD'S POLITICAL  
FUTURE AND HIS EMPHASIS ON THE NEED FOR AN AGREEMENT  
ON OIL DISTRIBUTION AND PRICE POLICY. THE PAPERS  
REPORTED ABOUT THE "STRIKINGLY RESERVED" REFERENCES  
TO EUROPEAN POLICY UNDER WHICH GISCARD STILL  
ENVISAGES A EUROPEAN CONFEDERATION OF STATES WHICH  
WOULD ENTAIL A RENUNCIATION OF RIGHTS OF SOVEREIGNTY  
BY INDIVIDUAL STATES. THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE  
SPECULATED HOWEVER THAT FRANCE WILL NOT RENOUNCE  
ANY RIGHTS ON BIG ISSUES SINCE THIS SUBJECT WILL NOT  
BE ON THE AGENDA OF THE EC SUMMIT MEETING AND BECAUSE  
OF GISCARD'S INDICATION THAT FRANCE WILL RESERVE FOR  
ITSELF THE "SOVEREIGNTY OF DECISION" BY REFUSING  
ANY DOMINATION FROM THE OUTSIDE. THE PRESS GENERALLY  
WELCOMED GISCARD'S REMARKS ON FACILITATING THE  
WORK OF EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS, ON EXPANDING THE  
EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION TO OTHER SECTORS OF  
FOREIGN POLICY AND ON THE POLICY OF STABILITY.

3. THE FRANKFURTER NEUE PRESSE COMMENTED THAT  
"GISCARD'S PROPOSAL THAT A LIMITED NUMBER OF PRODUCERS  
AND CONSUMERS SHOULD GET TOGETHER NEXT YEAR SHOULD  
NOT BE LEFT UNANSWERED BY FRANCE'S PARTNERS.  
CERTAINLY, THE ENERGY GROUP OF THE 12  
AMONG THEM THE MIGHTY AMERICA, MAY BRING NEW FRICTION  
WITH THE ARABS. BUT IT IS HIGH TIME TO CLARIFY  
PRICE, PETROLEUM AND COOPERATION MATTERS MULTILATERALLY  
AND AT A HIGH LEVEL".

4. THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ON THE OTHER HAND  
BELIEVES THAT THE OIL CONFERENCE WILL NOT TAKE PLACE  
BECAUSE OF FRANCE'S AMBIGUOUS POLICY. "IN ORDER  
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TO NEGOTIATE SUCCESSFULLY WITH THE PETROLEUM CARTEL,  
ONE WOULD HAVE TO GATHER STRENGTH, IF POSSIBLE  
SUPERIORITY, BE IT THROUGH PREPARING PRACTICAL  
ALTERNATIVES, OR BE IT THROUGH ORGANIZING STRONG  
NEGOTIATION GROUPS, OR BOTH OF THEM". FRANCE  
DOES NEITHER ONE. THE PAPER GOES SO FAR AS TO STATE  
THAT IT WAS FRANCE'S INTENTION THAT "THE UNION  
OF THE 9 REMAIN DISUNITED, IF POSSIBLE IN A WAY

THAT 8, TOGETHER WITH THE AMERICANS, SET UP A  
MINIMUM OF WESTERN PROTECTION IN THE SHIELD OF WHICH  
FRANCE WILL MAINTAIN ITS FREEDOM OF ACTION SUCH AS  
IN NATO, IN THE ENERGY SECTOR, AND THE NEAR EAST".  
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